

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2005 – 1000 MST  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 204 new fires reported for the week. One new large fire was contained in the Southwest Area. Very high fire indices were reported in South Dakota.

**SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS:**

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD |
|---------------|----|------|------|-------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----------|------------|
| HIDDEN        | AZ | YUD  | 325  | 100   | ---     | 1         | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR         |

YUD = Bureau of Land Management, Yuma Field Office

**OUTLOOK:**

**Weather Discussion:** Much of the West will be under the continued influence of high pressure for the upcoming week. Some very light showers will be possible later next week across northern Washington and Idaho. In the East, a cold front will move toward the Mid-Atlantic States on Monday and push toward the Southeast on Tuesday. Some showers could develop along this front in Florida by Thursday.

| Geographic Area<br>Weather   | High<br>Temperatures   | Minimum Relative<br>Humidity | Wind                                |
|--|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Southern California</b><br>Showers, with a quarter to a half inch of rain. Snow level 5,500 feet. | 35 to 50 mountains.<br>55 to 65 valleys.<br>45 to 60 upper deserts.<br>60 to 70 lower deserts. | 60 to 70%.                   | Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph. |



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### **ATTEMPTING A FRONTAL ASSAULT ON A FIRE**

Attempting a frontal assault on a fire is recognized as Watchout Situation #10 and is a potentially dangerous tactic.

● If your tactics include a frontal assault, the following checklist must be adequately addressed before engaging the fire:

- Has the fire been scouted and sized up? Who will scout and size up a fire and what are they looking for?
- Is your position defensible? List what makes a firefighter's position defensible. (Anchor points, safety zones, escape routes, etc.)
- Are escape routes and safety zones adequate? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route.
- Do you have an anchor point? How would you establish an anchor point for a frontal assault on a fire?

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- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assault? Discuss things you need to consider; for example, if the frontal assault fails, do you have backup?
  - Are you informed on strategy, tactics, and hazards? Consider what could happen if someone has a different approach than you; i.e., the IC has a burnout operation planned while you are attempting frontal assault.
  - Is the terrain favorable to holding the fire? Discuss ways the terrain will influence where you will make a stand.
- In order to reduce the risks, reassess your tactics, post lookouts, identify situations in which firefighters may be enticed to attempt frontal assault on a fire. Review why this may or may not be a good idea.

**FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:**

| AREA                |       | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|
| Alaska              | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Northwest           | FIRES |     |     |     |     | 1     |      | 1     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     | 22    |      | 22    |
| Northern California | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       | 2    | 2     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       | 0    | 0     |
| Southern California | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES |     | 1   |     |     | 1     | 2    | 4     |
|                     | ACRES |     | 10  |     |     | 2     | 26   | 38    |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |     | 1   | 1   |     |       |      | 2     |
|                     | ACRES |     | 0   | 0   |     |       |      | 0     |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 1   |     |     |     |       |      | 1     |
|                     | ACRES | 1   |     |     |     |       |      | 1     |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 1   |     |     |     | 2     | 1    | 4     |
|                     | ACRES | 145 |     |     |     | 205   | 0    | 350   |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |     |     |     |     | 11    |      | 11    |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     | 34    |      | 34    |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 3   |     | 1   |     | 173   | 2    | 179   |
|                     | ACRES | 11  |     | 263 |     | 1,520 | 26   | 1,820 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 5   | 2   | 2   | 0   | 188   | 7    | 204   |
|                     | ACRES | 157 | 10  | 263 | 0   | 1,783 | 52   | 2,265 |

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

| AREA                |       | BIA | BLM | FWS   | NPS | ST/OT  | USFS  | TOTAL  |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-------|-----|--------|-------|--------|
| Alaska              | FIRES |     |     |       |     |        |       | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     |        |       | 0      |
| Northwest           | FIRES | 1   |     |       |     | 3      | 3     | 7      |
|                     | ACRES | 1   |     |       |     | 32     | 1     | 34     |
| Northern California | FIRES |     |     |       |     | 15     | 4     | 19     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     | 23     | 0     | 23     |
| Southern California | FIRES |     | 2   | 1     |     |        | 5     | 8      |
|                     | ACRES |     | 0   | 0     |     |        | 0     | 0      |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES |     | 1   | 1     |     | 2      | 2     | 6      |
|                     | ACRES |     | 10  | 0     |     | 5      | 26    | 41     |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |     | 2   |       |     |        |       | 2      |
|                     | ACRES |     | 0   |       |     |        |       | 0      |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |     | 1   | 1     |     |        |       | 2      |
|                     | ACRES |     | 0   | 0     |     |        |       | 0      |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 3   | 2   |       | 1   | 9      | 8     | 23     |
|                     | ACRES | 1   | 2   |       | 1   | 980    | 0     | 984    |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 2   |     | 3     |     | 10     | 3     | 18     |
|                     | ACRES | 185 |     | 7     |     | 618    | 0     | 810    |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |     |     |       | 1   | 70     | 10    | 81     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       | 1   | 3,071  | 334   | 3,406  |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 35  |     | 19    | 1   | 4,288  | 129   | 4,472  |
|                     | ACRES | 506 |     | 1,745 | 1   | 21,904 | 2,744 | 26,900 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 41  | 8   | 25    | 3   | 4,397  | 164   | 4,638  |
|                     | ACRES | 693 | 12  | 1,752 | 3   | 26,633 | 3,105 | 32,198 |

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Eight Year Average Fires</b> | <b>7,922</b>   |
| <b>Eight Year Average Acres</b> | <b>161,267</b> |

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**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:**

| AREA                |       | BIA   | BLM | FWS   | NPS | ST/OT | USFS   | TOTAL  |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|--------|--------|
| Alaska              | FIRES |       |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |       |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
| Northwest           | FIRES |       | 6   | 3     |     |       | 2      | 11     |
|                     | ACRES |       | 770 | 75    |     |       | 25     | 870    |
| Northern California | FIRES |       | 2   | 0     | 0   |       | 1      | 3      |
|                     | ACRES |       | 21  | 7,852 | 6   |       | 18     | 7,897  |
| Southern California | FIRES |       |     |       |     |       | 2      | 2      |
|                     | ACRES |       |     |       |     |       | 6      | 6      |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES |       |     |       |     |       | 2      | 2      |
|                     | ACRES |       |     |       |     |       | 840    | 840    |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |       |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |       |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |       |     | 1     |     |       |        | 1      |
|                     | ACRES |       |     | 0     |     |       |        | 0      |
| Southwest           | FIRES |       |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |       |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 7     |     | 3     |     |       | 4      | 14     |
|                     | ACRES | 2,024 |     | 1,273 |     |       | 2,955  | 6,252  |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |       |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |       |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 2     |     | 4     | 1   | 11    | 25     | 43     |
|                     | ACRES | 320   |     | 332   | 3   | 8,611 | 18,086 | 27,352 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 9     | 8   | 11    | 1   | 11    | 36     | 76     |
|                     | ACRES | 2,344 | 791 | 9,532 | 9   | 8,611 | 21,930 | 43,217 |

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

| AREA                |       | BIA   | BLM    | FWS    | NPS   | ST/OT  | USFS    | TOTAL   |
|---------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|---------|---------|
| Alaska              | FIRES |       |        |        |       |        |         | 0       |
|                     | ACRES |       |        |        |       |        |         | 0       |
| Northwest           | FIRES | 1     | 35     | 10     |       |        | 16      | 62      |
|                     | ACRES | 522   | 6,815  | 274    |       |        | 780     | 8,391   |
| Northern California | FIRES |       | 2      | 0      | 1     |        | 7       | 10      |
|                     | ACRES |       | 21     | 8,307  | 195   |        | 205     | 8,728   |
| Southern California | FIRES |       | 2      | 1      |       |        | 20      | 23      |
|                     | ACRES |       | 52     | 3      |       |        | 332     | 387     |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES |       | 1      |        |       |        | 7       | 8       |
|                     | ACRES |       | 500    |        |       |        | 1,292   | 1,792   |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |       | 2      |        |       | 1      | 4       | 7       |
|                     | ACRES |       | 74     |        |       | 34     | 23      | 131     |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |       | 1      | 1      |       |        |         | 2       |
|                     | ACRES |       | 1      | 0      |       |        |         | 1       |
| Southwest           | FIRES |       | 6      |        | 4     |        | 51      | 61      |
|                     | ACRES |       | 17,068 |        | 57    |        | 3,608   | 20,733  |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 14    | 2      | 9      | 6     | 7      | 36      | 74      |
|                     | ACRES | 2,299 | 31     | 1,945  | 137   | 1,030  | 4,071   | 9,513   |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |       |        | 23     |       | 0      | 6       | 29      |
|                     | ACRES |       |        | 2,667  |       | 1,120  | 420     | 4,207   |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 5     |        | 53     | 5     | 84     | 386     | 533     |
|                     | ACRES | 1,710 |        | 42,979 | 6,017 | 58,476 | 334,737 | 443,919 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 20    | 51     | 97     | 16    | 92     | 533     | 809     |
|                     | ACRES | 4,531 | 24,562 | 56,175 | 6,406 | 60,660 | 345,468 | 497,802 |

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

| AREA                |       | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|
| Alaska              | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Northwest           | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Northern California | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Southern California | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Southwest           | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Southern Area       | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0    | 0     |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0    | 0     |

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**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

| AREA                | CREWS<br>FED | CREWS<br>ST/OT | ENGS<br>FED | ENGS<br>ST/OT | HELI<br>FED | HELI<br>ST/OT | AIRT<br>FED | AIRT<br>ST/OT | OVRHD<br>FED | OVRHD<br>ST/OT |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| Alaska              |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Northwest           |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Northern California |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Southern California |              |                | 1           |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Northern Rockies    |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Eastern Great Basin |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Western Great Basin |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Southwest           |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Rocky Mountain      |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               | 2            |                |
| Eastern Area        |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Southern Area       | 1            |                |             |               | 3           |               |             |               |              |                |
| Total               | 1            | 0              | 1           | 0             | 3           | 0             | 0           | 0             | 2            | 0              |

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